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There they go again! Here's what one writer, James K. Glassman, said:

"Instead of straightening out its business problems, AOL has decided to spend its time and effort filing lawsuits against tough competitors - a petty, distracting pursuit that won't help AOL or, for that matter, the U.S. economy, which depends on firms like Microsoft for the innovation necessary to bring about a technology revival."

(<http://www.techcentralstation.com/1051/techwrapper.jsp?PID=1051-250&CID=1051-012302E>)

He also said about consumers that he "can't understand how they're hurt by a business strategy that offers browsers for free." I have written several times to make the point that the only entities being hurt throughout this ridiculous fiasco are those incompetent businesses--like Netscape-- which can't compete. And talk about the pot calling the kettle black! AOL, having bought Netscape for an obscene amount of money, is part of one of the largest communication trusts the world has ever known. This makes what Theodore Roosevelt faced a century ago seem like a walk in the park.

I still say that the courts and politics should keep out of technological innovation. I know of no better way to guarantee this nation a mediocre future than to destroy the ability of companies to innovate.

Settle this case and let's get on with the business of solving human problems through technological ingenuity and innovation.

Sincerely yours,

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